

Machinery Used to Displace Labor Robs Workers of Craftsmen's Skill

British Churchman Emphasizes Injustice to Wealth Producers Resulting From the Present System of Production and Distribution, Which Keeps Millions of Workers in Permanent Unemployment.

The deplorable effects on working men and women of the destruction of craftsmanship and the herding of workers in mass production under the present system for the production and distribution of wealth, were the responsibility of the church, in a system of production and control by machines, organized with millions of unemployed, are set forth by Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, in an article in *The Witness*, published by the Episcopal Church.

"The mass has no preparation of almost limitless production, yet giving up his independence and working in a team," Dean Johnson says.

"Only by team-work do we really advance. But every time we enter a team we sacrifice independence; we

"This point is so important morally, and I as minister am so deeply

"Long ago, man was entirely independent, sowing his own fields, hunting his own food, making his own clothes. In his combination with his fellow man, he lost his independence. No longer clothing and feeding himself, he became dependent on his associates with his fellows, specializes his tasks, and by his teamwork in industry, he grows richer and poorer enormously. He grows richer.

"Association in production provided many new possibilities of wealth. Learning and science became possible, and, from these sources, the modern machine, however, is the result of men working together, and of the corporate enterprise we call science. It is the offspring of the community and a great part of the resulting increase is the property of the whole community, and of each individual."

"When, at last, man makes no even a shoe, but only the twentied machine makes the whole shoe, then the machine makes the whole shoe with scarcely a touch from man, this is the end of a sorry plight. The teamwork and the merry plights of the machine, giving birth to it, has robbed of his independence, his crafts and his life, and he is left with nothing giving him anything in return.

"That is the culminating point of

"Multitudes of men are suffering, therefore, in their unemployment, a grave, even though it is a hidden injustice.

"Torn from the soil, lured into as-

association, specialized in their tasks. They are not, however, admitted to a fair share in the fruits which all into the laps of the owners of the dominantly-produced machine, and of the land made valuable by the teamwork of the community.

"Injustice and folly have stalled the machine."

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Continued achievements in the field of argument with employers for providing higher living standards for workers were announced by a number of A. F. of L. unions in Oakland.

Officials of the Cracker and Cookie Bakers Union announced the finalization of a new contract with the

The court of Cincinnati, Ohio, upheld the right of city firemen and police to keep their own State pension systems.

Garage Employees Local Union No. 78 concluded an agreement with the Drymen's Association of Alameda County calling for a closed shop, standard holidays and a 40-hour wage scale. The contract runs for three years, but can be opened on thirty days' notice by the union in the event living costs increase 20 per cent beyond the present level on the Department of Labor index.

Robert Ash, business representative of the union, said this was the first agreement between the union and the association.

Officials of Engineers Local Union No. 3 announced that a working

agreement calling for an increase in wages for all engineers had been reached with three contracting firms covering all of Northern California.

Finally, officials of Bakers Local Union No. 119 and Bakery Wagon

Drivers and Salesmen's Local Union No. 423 reported that these two unions had succeeded in negotiating an agreement with the Loritzina Baking Company, which for a number of years has operated as a non-union plant.

A. F. L. UNIONS DEFEAT C. I. O. IN PEORIA, ILL.

Peoria, Ill. (APWNS).—The employees of the Peoria plant of Armour and Company voted by a large majority for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, the International Union of Meat Packers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The election results revealed that the personnel of the trustees of the police and firemen's pension fund.

in the production and maintenance department 183 ballots were cast for the Butcher Workmen and only 79 for the C. I. O. Packing House Workers Organizing Committee. Twenty-one votes were for neither union and

The election for collective bargaining agents by the firemen and oilers and operating engineers revealed that a large majority of these groups had voted for the A. F. of L. International

Columbus Firm Signs

Columbus, Ohio (AFLWNS).—Officials of Local No. 194 of the Building Service Employees International Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, are demanding that the city treasury all money received as the city's contribution to the system.

Woodward Window Cleaning Company had signed a union contract providing for paying the window

